

**Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Government and Community Relations Committee
June 2, 2003**

The Government and Community Relations Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Alcohol and Drug Services Administrative office on Jermantown Road, Suite 201, Fairfax.

Committee members present: Jessica Burmester, Charles Fletcher, Anngie Johnson, Dave Redman, Ben Pepper

CSB staff present: Jim Thur, Ruth Gerbec

1. Meeting Called to Order

Anngie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of May Minutes

The minutes were approved.

3. Action Item Status

The committee reviewed the Action Tracking System chart. Several items will be in the closed status. The CSB brochure and Speakers Bureau brochure will be re-distributed to the community in July.

ACTION: Ruth will update the Action Tracking System chart.

4. Community Relations

- Celebrate Fairfax! (fair) - Ruth reported on the status of the 2 CSB booths at the Fair. One will be outside on Children's Avenue and the other one inside in the County Expo area. The outside will have a duck pond theme with questions on "feelings" for children and prizes. Lots of good information for parents and children from our system and ordered from the Federal Govt. will be available. The inside booth will have a photo display, CSB video and CSB website available on a laptop. Also literature and giveaways will be available. The new Speakers Bureau brochure will be at both booths. A couple of Board members have volunteered to work at the booths.
- CSB Video - Ruth reported that the MRS piece was recently worked on. Taping took place at Central Fairfax Services, and at a job site/grocery store worked out with the Cooperative Employment Program. Ruth and the County cable office are reviewing what background footage is yet needed. The video should be completed by the end of July.

- Northern Virginia Roundtable - Jim Thur reported on his attendance at the last Roundtable meeting and the CSB submitted two topic proposals for a future Roundtable meeting. Jim also discussed that contact with the Federation of Civic Associations, the Chambers of Commerce and the Human Services Alliance should be pursued.

5. Government Relations

- Fairfax County Legislative Program for the 2004 Virginia General Assembly - this will be discussed at the next Committee meetings and then go to the full Board.

6. General Discussion

- Annual Report - Jim suggested that the theme of the Annual Report could be expressed in the letter from the chairman. He suggested the topic/theme of opportunity and independence.
- Connection Newspapers - editorial board - Ruth reported that she contacted Jerry Kieffer and the Connection papers are still interested in impact stories related to the Human Services budget cuts. Jessica suggested that housing issues, "Price Out 2002" could be a topic.
- CSB Website - Anngie discussed that she is interested in having more CSB documents online to include this Committee's information. Ruth will work on this with staff and develop a "pilot" project.
- Continuum of Care "leave behind" - This would be developed at a later date, if the committee decides it is needed.
- Mental Health staff - Red Cross - Anngie reported that the Red Cross is in need of more volunteers to provide mental health support. Jim T. reported that the County agreement with the Red Cross is not finalized yet. It was discussed that perhaps a fact sheet on Red Cross volunteer opportunities could be given to staff for their information and individual action.